

*Tribes / EPA Region 6 Workshop*  
Nonpoint Source Management and the Watershed Approach  
August 1–3, 2007  
Cherokee Casino, Catoosa, Oklahoma

## Agenda

Purposes of the Workshop:

- Introduce water quality and nonpoint source (NPS) management
- Introduce the Watershed Planning Approach
- Address how the watershed planning approach is integrated with NPS management activities
- Opportunity for Tribes to see case studies of NPS/watershed projects in practice
- Opportunity to network among Tribes and state/federal agency partners face-to-face

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Wednesday, August 1

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| 8:00–8:15   | Welcome and Opening Remarks<br><i>(Joe Grayson, Jr. Deputy Chief of the Cherokee Nation)</i>  |
| 8:15–8:30   | Introductions and Logistics<br><i>(Nikole Witt, EPA Region 6)</i>   |
| 8:30–9:45   | Introduction to Water Quality Management I <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Measures of Water Quality: How Is Water Quality Assessed?</li><li>• Use Designations</li><li>• Criteria to Protect Uses and Water Quality Standards</li></ul> <i>(Barry Tanning, Tetra Tech, Inc.)</i> |
| 9:45–10:15  | Discussion on Watershed Goals and Barriers to NPS Projects<br><i>(Barry Tanning, Tetra Tech, Inc., will facilitate a small group discussion with reporting to the larger group)</i>   |
| 10:15–10:30 | <b>BREAK</b>  |

10:30–11:30	<p>Introduction to Water Quality Management II</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Identifying Impairments</li> <li>• Management Practices to Address Impairments</li> </ul> <p><i>(Barry Tonning, Tetra Tech, Inc.)</i></p>
11:30–12:30	<b>LUNCH BREAK</b> <i>(on your own)</i>
12:30–1:30	<p>Tribes and Water Quality—Support from the State of Oklahoma</p> <p><i>(Dan Butler, Director, Water Quality Division, Oklahoma Conservation Commission)</i></p>
1:30–2:00	<p>Nuts and Bolts of the NPS Assessment Report and Management Plan</p> <p><i>(Ansu John, Tetra Tech, Inc.)</i></p>
2:00–2:30	<p>What Makes a Good NPS Assessment Report and Management Plan</p> <p><i>(Beverly Ethridge, EPA Region 6, will lead a group discussion and Q&amp;A)</i></p>
2:30–2:50	<b>BREAK</b>
2:50–3:25	<p>Dos and Don'ts of Submissions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Base Section 319 Funding and Review Process</li> <li>• Eligibility and TAS</li> </ul> <p><i>(Nikole Witt, EPA Region 6, will lead a group discussion)</i></p>
3:25–4:00	<p>Competitive Section 319 Funding and Review Process</p> <p><i>(Andrea Matzke, EPA)</i></p>
4:00–4:30	<p>USDA-NRCS Conservation Programs Available to Tribes</p> <p><i>(Kevin Norton, USDA-NRCS)</i></p>
4:30–4:45	Wrap Up and Adjourn

8:30–9:45	<p>Introduction to Watershed Planning: The Process</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Purpose/Review of Required Elements</li><li>• How Watershed Plans Fit into Tribal Strategic Planning</li><li>• Weaving Together NPS Assessments and Management Plans with Watershed Plans</li></ul> <p><i>(Barry Topping, Tetra Tech, Inc.)</i></p>
9:45–10:15	<p>Watershed Planning with Indigenous Groups in Belize</p> <p><i>(Elicia Blumberg, Tetra Tech, Inc.)</i></p>
10:15–10:30	<p><b>BREAK</b></p>
10:30–11:30	<p>Stepping Through a Watershed Plan: Tribes Review and Critique a Watershed Plan</p> <p><i>(Barry Topping, Tetra Tech, Inc., will lead a group discussion)</i></p>
11:30–12:30	<p><b>LUNCH BREAK</b> <i>(on your own)</i></p>
12:30–1:30	<p>Watershed Planning: Fort Cobb Watershed, Oklahoma</p> <p><i>(Ed Crall, Fort Cobb Education Coordinator, Oklahoma Conservation Commission)</i></p>
1:30–2:15	<p>Effective Outreach and Education</p> <p><i>(Cheryl Cheadle, Blue Thumb Coordinator, Oklahoma Conservation Commission)</i></p>
2:15–2:30	<p><b>BREAK</b></p>
2:30–3:15	<p>Pueblo of Acoma NPS Water Quality Program</p> <p><i>(Laura Watchempino, Pueblo of Acoma)</i></p>
3:15–3:45	<p>Water Quality Data: Web Simulation and the Water Quality Exchange System</p> <p><i>(John Freise, Cherokee Nation, Inter-Tribal Environmental Council)</i></p>

3:45–4:30

Putting It All Together: Interactive Session

- Next Steps in the Watershed Process
- Recommendations for Future Workshops
- Workshop Evaluation Forms

*(Beverly Ethridge, EPA Region 6, will lead a facilitated discussion)*

Friday, August 3

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7:30–2:00

Field Trip to Lake Eucha and Spavinaw Farm

*(Led by Nikole Witt, EPA Region 6 and Cheryl Cheadle, Blue Thumb Coordinator, Oklahoma Conservation Commission)*

Additional Speakers:

- Harry Chichester, Lakes Environmental Supervisor, City of Tulsa
- Joe Schneider, Spavinaw Creek 319 Project Coordinator, Oklahoma Conservation Commission
- Jamie Mundy, Producer and Education Coordinator, Oklahoma State University Extension